



# NEWSLETTER

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## Useful Dates

9-10 Apr	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice
11 Apr	Staff Training Day
12 Apr	FIRST DAY OF TERM
12-15 Apr	Year 7 Assessment Week
14 Apr	Year 8 Parents' Evening
21 Apr	Year 10 World of Work Morning
22 Apr	Year 7 & 8 Disco

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been a great end to the Spring term this year at the High School with students demonstrating that they are a credit to themselves and the school in many different ways.

Anyone who came to the School Production 'Chapters' on Friday or Saturday evening can't have failed to be impressed by the playwriting talent of Phoebe Duckmanton (Year 13) and the acting skills of the 50 or so students, of all ages, involved on stage and behind the scenes. It was fantastic to see students from all three secondary schools in the town working together to produce a performance that was witty and entertaining. Thanks go to Mrs Raeburn, Mrs Cowell and Miss Natley for their direction and production skills.

A big well done also goes to the Student Sports Leaders and the PE department who oversaw many of the Sports Relief fundraising events and raised a significant sum for good causes. This in a busy week of sporting success at various fixtures and in a week when the whole school was struck down with the fictional 'Piggiflu' virus. My thanks to Mr Spafford and the rest of the Science department who made sure that National Science week was informative, fun and thought provoking. Read on to see just how much students (with a little help from staff!) have earned a well earned holiday. I wish all students, parents and colleagues a very happy Easter break.

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School

## DEBATING CLUB

In Debate Club, we have recently debated the issue of the EU in the build up to the Referendum in June. This issue is one which has been broadly discussed in the news and is at the forefront of British politics at the moment. Some of the issues we considered included border control, the economic impact of leaving the EU and national security. Most of us agreed that it would be best to remain in the EU but could appreciate the alternative argument. It was an interesting topic to debate, encompassing a broad range of arguments and opinions.

The Debating Club this year has been made up of a small number of predominately Sixth Form Students, led by myself, who have been willing to adapt their views in the need for serious debating. They have demonstrated maturity and the willingness to listen and consider the views of others.

This Club will shortly be taking a break to enable the students to focus on their final examinations for A Level. We are hoping that the new school year will see the beginning of a new debating team and a further range of topics.

By Katrina Stephens (13W)



Students took part in a range of activities this week to raise money for Sport Relief, including participation in the Sport Relief Mile on the school field on Friday. Throughout the week the school's Year 11 Sports Leaders ran a series of activities for students to get involved in including:

Monday – Year 7 Orienteering

Tuesday – Year 8 Benchball

Wednesday – Year 9 Just Dance

Thursday – Year 10 Towel Volleyball

Even staff donned their PE kits and played a fundraising netball match at lunchtime as students cheered on.

The fundraising culminated this week in a celebrity Darts tournament in the school hall with celebrity darts player Jason 'Super Mario' Marriott (PDC Darts Protégé 2014 Champion) playing alongside staff teams. Students were able to buy tables at the lunchtime tournament. In all the school hope to have raised close to £1000.

Mrs J Smith  
Head of School



Top row: Staff Netball, where students could come and cheer their teachers on!

Middle row: Staff compete in teams at the Darts tournament with famous darts player Jason 'Super Mario' Marriott.

Bottom row: 'Super Mario VS Mrs Smith & Mr Law



# MATHS FEAST

On Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, myself, Jasmine Wragg (10W), Freya Simpson (10W) and Anastasia Layton (10F) attended a 'Maths Feast' event at the Sir Robert Pattinson Academy in North Hykeham with Miss Duffy. The event was run by the Further Mathematic Support Programme and involved us and lots of other schools doing a variety of challenging maths problems. There were 4 rounds to the competition which involved work with true or false questions, imaginary numbers, pentominos and a quick-fire pairs round. There were also rounds of Countdown in between each round which was one of our favourite parts of the event! In the end, we were awarded a certificate for teamwork and we all had a really good day at the event. The team would like to thank Miss Duffy for taking us to the event as it was a very enjoyable day!

By Emily Dunham (10F)

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

### Bronze Practice Expedition

Students going on the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition on 9-10 April should remember to meet at school at 7.45am on Saturday, 9 April 2016 ready to go with all kit packed including fuel for the Trangias, food, drink, tents, sleeping bags etc.

Payment, Consent Forms, Menu Planners and Route Cards with Tracings are to be handed in before the end of term please.

### Duke of Edinburgh Students

Please can all students who are currently registered for the DofE log into their eDofE accounts and set up their different sections as soon as possible, adding any evidence they have gathered for each section. Also students who have completed the timescale for each section should collect Assessor Reports and upload these to their account as soon as possible.

I will be checking both my emails and the eDofE system during the Easter holidays and can provide assistance if needed.

Mrs M Walker  
Duke of Edinburgh Co-ordinator



# Guides

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sleaford High School Guides meet in the Drama Studio from 4.00pm until 5.30pm on a Thursday night. We have members from Years 7-10 as well as young leaders in the older years and members who will be joining the school in September. At Guides we do lots of different

activities as well as celebrating events, working towards interest badges and doing 'Go For Its!' Badges we have completed range from a 'World Issues' badge to a 'Chocolate' badge (a Guide favourite!!). We play lots of games at Guides as well as looking into things which affect us as young people.

Currently, we are working towards an 'Independent Living' badge which teaches us about what it takes to do things such as run a household and feed someone for a day as well as money management. We also attend various Guiding events such as the upcoming 'Egg Day Camp' which is an event for Easter and the 'Big Gig' which is definitely an annual highlight. The Big Gig is an annual pop concert for members of Girlguiding and previous artists have included 'Scouting for Girls', 'Little Mix' and many other popular artists!

We are currently full at our Guide unit but more adult helpers would mean that more girls could be given this great opportunity. For more information about joining Guides or becoming an adult helper, please email Jill Hardie at [jillbhardie@aol.com](mailto:jillbhardie@aol.com).



The Big Gig Badge from last year



Some of our Guides at last year's Egg Day Camp



Guides doing a Craft Activity for a badge

## ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March the KSHSSA Anti-Bullying Ambassador Team visited Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Horncastle. Throughout the day the we took part in many fun activities which were steps and stages of our training.

When we arrived, with Miss Beckitt and Mrs Pankhurst, we were seated in the main hall and the day began. We learnt all about what bullying is and how to spot it. We learnt many ideas and ways to introduce new people to KSHSSA and how to stop bullying.

We were told about the Diana Award, which Anti-Bullying Ambassador Leaders sponsor, and then, while the teachers were having their training session, the students looked at real life scenarios, made notes and completed activities in their workbooks.

Finally, the students and staff planned what they were going to do in school to make a difference.

It was a great day!

By Charley Tweedale (7W)



# National Apprenticeship Show

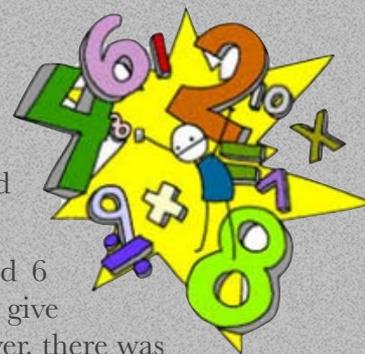
On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March, some students from the school, together with some students from Carre's Grammar School, went to the National Apprenticeship Show in Milton Keynes. There were at least 100 companies, advertising the different apprenticeships that are available to young people. Many of the stalls were to do with Engineering and Technology based apprenticeships but what I found particularly helpful was the inclusion of companies such as National Apprenticeship Service and Qube Learning, who had more information about Arts and Public Service apprenticeships, such as journalism, finance or business. It was certainly a worthwhile experience and it demonstrated an infinitely wide variety of apprenticeships and gave lots of ideas which can now be developed and researched further.



By Rebekah Rankin (13W)

## TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> of March, four students from KSHSSA along with Mrs Green headed to the Priory LSST in Lincoln, for a Maths competition held by the UK Mathematics Trust. Our team included me and Alice Booth (8NP) along with Lucy Freeman (9F) and Natasha Errington (9L).



The day included many puzzling activities, including shuttle runs, where we only had 6 minutes to answer four questions in pairs. One pair would work out the first answer, and give it to the other pair so that they could work out the answer to the second question. However, there was a twist – the students were under pressure, with only six minutes to answer all four challenging questions.

Another round included a lot of exercise as well as questions to challenge the brain. In the relay round, the team of four had to split into pairs, and one pair had to swap to the other side of the room. The first question would be given to the first pair, who would work out the answer before giving the new question to the second pair. If any answers were wrong, each pair had one more chance to work it out. "I enjoyed this round most because we got to move around the hall, which made the round more fun – we were all even more competitive" said Alice.

We really enjoyed the day and we came 9<sup>th</sup> out of 30 schools – and at one point we had one of the top five highest scores. Thank you to the UK Mathematics Trust for an enjoyable day and to Mrs Green for transporting and supporting us.

By Tamzen Brenton (8NP)

## CENSUS RETURN INFORMATION REMINDER

If you have not already done so, please return the completed slip regarding your child's country of birth and nationality as soon as possible.

If you have misplaced the letter or you are unable to print the reply slip the information can be emailed direct to [elaine.brown@kshssa.co.uk](mailto:elaine.brown@kshssa.co.uk) stating your child's name, form, country of birth and nationality.

Thank you for your help.

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# Careers News

The last few weeks have been busy on the Careers front.

## 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> March was 'National Careers Week'

The aim for this week was to raise awareness and to remind students that their career is one of the goals of learning, and should be given a lot of thought and preparation.

During tutor time all year groups participated in careers based activities ranging from quizzes to discussing dream jobs and using 'Post-it Notes' on foreheads to guess the career! Discussions and presentations on career pathways and aspirations were also among the activities that took place.

## 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March was National Apprenticeship Week

Again the aim was to raise the profile of good apprenticeships. To help us with this, we invited a former KSHS Student, who is currently in her 2<sup>nd</sup> year as an apprentice, to come in and talk to the students during KS4 and KS5 assemblies.



Nichola Wright (pictured here) is currently enjoying a three year apprenticeship with British Rail as part of the Signals Department.

Nichola was most enthusiastic about her role and how, as part of it she goes out to various places when a fault is reported. She then has to find the problem and repair it as quickly as possible as every fault costs the company £1,000 per minute when a signal is not working.

A big thank you to Nichola for taking the time to come into school to share her experiences!

Finally, the next big event on the Careers Calendar is the annual World of Work morning for Year 10 students on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Preparations are well underway and students have already chosen who they would like to see during the morning, every effort will be made to ensure students receive their choices where possible. I am sure it will be a most enjoyable morning for all.

Mrs P Hunter  
Careers Coordinator

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## Year 7 Netball Teams

The Year 7 A and B Netball teams have been undefeated so far this term by successfully winning all of their league matches. The players have trained hard each week to develop their individual skills and game play. The season will end on the last day of this term where the teams will play in the Year 7 Kesteven Tournament where they are hoping to continue with their winning streak to become champions of the zone.

The Photo shows the Year 7 A Team – captained by Holly Williams (7W)

Mrs J Stacey  
Teacher of PE



Year 7 Netball Team

## Year 8 and Year 9 Netball

The Year 8 and 9 Netball teams faced St George's Academy on a very cold Tuesday evening. The Year 9's drew the short straw and had to brave the cold and the first quarter saw them running around mainly in order to stay warm. Finishing the quarter 3v2 up, the team talk consisted of asking them to slow down, at no point during the first 10 minutes had they played in the way they were capable of. The remainder of the first half proved this as they went in at half time leading 14v4. With a rotation of players for the second half, the team worked well on continuing to develop their lead. Some excellent defence by our team saw almost every St George's centre pass intercepted and the great support play by players around the edge of our circle, combined with the great movement of our shooters, ensured we finished with an excellent 26v6 victory.

The Year 8 team playing inside did well to control their nerves in a closer game. Edging ahead 2v1 in the first quarter gave them the room to develop their performance. A number of first team regulars were unable to play which meant new players were experiencing their most competitive match to date. After some positional changes during training, the strongest positions were decided upon and the girls settled into their roles. At half time they led 4v2 and they went on to increase their score to finish with a 9v6 win, a great result, again building on their previous success.

Miss M Adams  
Subject Leader PE

## U15 Rugby County Festival

The Year 9 and 10 girls took part in the Rugby County Festival on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. With teams from schools in Sleaford and around Lincolnshire the tournament was run as 2 pools, unseeded in the morning and then seeded based on the performances in the initial games for the afternoon. The girls started brilliantly with determination to power through the tackles and a number of breakaway tries. They won each of their morning games against King Edward VI Grammar School, St George's Academy, Skegness Academy, Cleethorpes and Ormiston all without conceding a try.

The games after the lunchbreak were much tougher and the girls were under more pressure to play tactical Rugby rather than just pass and run. They increased their assertive play; making more tackles and using the breakdown effectively to restart their attack. Again their defence stood firm and the opposition were unable to score a try against them. After drawing against The Priory Ruskin Academy and in the rematch against King Edward VI Grammar School our thoughts of going through to the next round were dashed. Maybe because the pressure was off we were able to play our final game against Tollbar Academy with the best Rugby of the day. The girls were exploiting the space, recycling the ball and built phases that gave them the winning try. Little did we know that this try would be the try to take us through to the Regional Finals in April!

It was great to see the girls enjoying the game so much; a number of them should be playing at Club level and I hope this inspired them to do so.

Miss M Adams  
Subject Leader PE



## U16 Football Team

Following a tremendous season this year, the U16 Football Team went to Lincoln on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March to play in the final of the County Cup against Spalding High School.

A challenging game took place in windy, cold and damp conditions.

Sleaford played expertly to lead 2-0 at half time. During the second half, Sleaford remained in the lead. However, with 2 minutes of play remaining a goal from a corner was conceded. Unfortunately extra time was not given which resulted in the match going straight to penalties to decide the winning team of the County. Spalding High School managed to win on penalties and became the winners of the County Cup.

The whole team played extremely well and gave the best performance to date. Outstanding play was shown by Stef Ellis (11F), Abby Harmston (10A) and Sophie Angel (10A).

Next season the Team will unfortunately be losing 3 of its Year 11 players so we will be holding trials for goal-keeper and especially left footed players! The aim is to maintain training as a Team to go on to win the cup next year.

By Frankie Wilson 11W (Captain)



## U13 and U15 Cricket Teams

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March the U13 and U15 Cricket Teams went to Spalding High School to play in the Lady Taverners Cricket Tournament. Both teams faced some tough competition against teams from both Spalding High School and Bourne Grammar School. Despite training hard in preparation for the tournament both teams were unsuccessful in making it through to the Regional Final.

The teams should be congratulated for their commitment to developing. For many of the players, this was the first occasion they have represented the school in a Sports Team. Well done to the Captains – Hester Dakin (8KG) U13 and Emily Dunham (10F) U15 – for their leading role throughout the Tournament.

Mrs J Stacey  
Teacher of PE

## PTA NEWS

Congratulations to the February PTA 100 Club winner with ticket number 61 – Mr Keith Thomas

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KSHSSA PTA Joules Seconds Evening

KSHSSA PTA ARE HOSTING A JOULES  
CLOTHING SECONDS EVENING

THURSDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> 2016

6PM-8PM IN THE SCHOOL DINING  
ROOM

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